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LPG AGENCIES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for selecting locations and dealers for allotment of gas agencies;

(b) the details of the locations identified in West Bengal for sanctioning new gas agencies ; and (

(c) the details of the gas agencies in the State approved during the last three years alongwith those that are likely to be approved during the current year location-wise ?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) The following criteria are adopted for selecting locations to set up economically viable LPG distributorships in different parts of the country by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) :

(i) All urban locations with a population of 10,000 and above by including potential of adjoining villages falling within the radius of 15 Kms.

(ii) Urban locations having population of 5,000 and above taking into account the potential of adjoining villages falling within 15 Kms radius.

(iii) Cluster of villages within 15 Kms radius of nucleus villages having a population of 10,000 and above.

(iv) Villages within 15 Kms radius around towns having population of 1 lakh and above.

The locations identified as above are advertised by OMCs and the selection of distributors is made as per laid down procedure by each company.

(b) & (c) : As on 1.6.2002, OMCs have commissioned 42 LPG distributorships out of 167 locations identified by OMCs for setting up of LPG distributorships in West Bengal under various Marketing Plans. It is not possible to indicate the exact number of LPG distributorships likely to be commissioned during the current year. It generally takes 6-12 months for commissioning the distributorship after the date of interview.